## Leo Berman

## **Biography**

- Elected to Texas House of Representatives, representing Smith County, District 6 (1998)
- Member of House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs (2011-2013)
- Member of House Committee on Elections (2011-2013)
- Chairman, House Committee on Elections (2007-2008)
- Texas Representative to the Energy Council (since 2008), appointed by Speaker Tom Craddick
- Member, Executive Committee of the Texas Veterans Coalition
- Member, Texas Conservative Coalition
- Retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army (22 years service) awarded 3 Bronze Star Medals, 9 Air Medals, and other decorations; promoted to Colonel in Texas State Guard (2009)
- Public Affairs Executive, Sun Exploration and Production Company (retired)
- City Council Member and Mayor Pro-Tem, Arlington, Texas (1979-85)
- Appointed by Governor William Clements to chair the Texas Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, also appointed to the Texas National Guard Armory Board
- BA, Political Science with honors, Southern Methodist University (1969)
- Life Member, Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce
- Life Member and A+ ratings, National Rifle Association and Texas State Rifle Association
- Emeritus Board Member, ARC of Tyler/Smith County
- Executive Board Member, East Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Board Member, Bethesda Health Clinic in Tyler
- Board Member, East Texas Meals on Wheels in Tyler
- Board Member, Texas College, Tyler (a historically black Christian college founded in 1894)
- Capitol Inside 2005 (Austin political newsletter), 100% conservative voting record
- Heritage Alliance "Top Ten" award, representing top 10% most conservative legislators
- Christian Coalition legislative rating 100%
- Young Conservatives of Texas legislative rating 100%
- Texas Right to Life legislative rating 100%
- "Friend of the Taxpayer" award from Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy
- "Fighter for Free Enterprise" award from Texas Association of Business
- "Taxpayer Advocate" award from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility
- Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas award (2008)
- U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- Active Lay Member, Christ Episcopal Church, Tyler, Texas
- Spouse, Dr. Lou Ann Berman; five children; seven grandchildren; three great-grandsons

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